

Public Service – Education (PE) Department – Department of Public Libraries, AP, Hyd.
– Departmental Action against Smt. S. Devadarshini, Gazetted Librarian (retd) formerly
worked at Gowthami Regional Library, Rajahmundry – Imposition of Punishment under
Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – - Orders – Issued.

EDUCATION (PE.VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

Dated: 02-01-2013.

- 1 Govt.Memo.No.13782/PE.VIG.I(1)/2006-1,dt.29.09.2006.
- 2 Proceedings of the DPL, AP, Hyd., Rc.No.329-A2/2006,
dated.09.11.2006
- 3 G.O.Rt.No.03, Education (SE.Vig.II & Coordn.) Deptt.,
Dated:01.01.2009
- 4 G.O.Rt.No.04, Education (SE.Vig.II & Coordn.) Deptt.,
Dated:01.01.2009
- 5 From the Genl. Admn.(COI-SB) Deptt., D.O.Lr. No.102/COI-
SB/2009-1, Dated.29.12.2011
- 6 Govt. Memo. No.13782/PE.VIG.I(1)/2006-12,
Dated:25-02-2012
- 7 From the DPL., AP., Hyderabad., 329-A2/2006,dt. 30.4.2006
- 8 Govt.Memo.No.13782/PE.VIG.I(1)/2006-13, dt.17.07.2012.
- 9 From the DPL, AP, Hyd., Lr.RC.No.329-A2/2006, dt.24.8.2012
- 10 Govt. Letter. No.13782/PE.VIG.I(1)/2006-15, dt.18.10.2012
- 11 From Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.1998/RT/2/2012, dt.04.12.2012.

1. Smt. S. Devadarshini, worked as Gazetted Librarian of Gowthami Regional Library, Rajahmundry from 26.08.2002 to 9.10.2006

2. There were petitions about misutilisation of funds and poor record keeping. The Anti Corruption Bureau conducted a surprise check on 4-07-2005, and found evidence in support of (7) out of (13) allegations contained in the petitions. Based on the regular inquiry by ACB, charges were framed in the reference 2nd read above asking Smt. Devadarshini to offer her explanation. After examination of her explanation and defense statements, an inquiry authority was appointed in the reference 3rd read above, in accordance with Rule 20(2) of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991. The Inquiry Authority, in his report, vide reference fifth read above, found that charge -6 [misuse of funds donated by Gas Authority of India Ltd (GAIL)] and charge-7 [missing of books] were proved.

3. In the meanwhile, Smt. Devadarshini retired from service on 30-06-2011 on attaining the age of superannuation. As the departmental inquiry had already been initiated while she was in service, the same was continued in accordance with Rule-9 of the AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

4. In the reference 6th read above, a copy of the Inquiry Report was communicated to Smt S. Devadarshini, Gazetted Librarian Gowthami Regional Library, Rajahmundry to make her defence/representation if any within a period of 15 days. In the reference 7th read above, Smt S. Devadarshini, Gazetted Librarian Gowthami Regional Library, Rajahmundry has submitted her explanation through Director of Public Libraries, AP, Hyderabad. The explanation did not have anything specific against the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

5. After consideration of her explanation, it was proposed to impose a cut in her pension. Accordingly, in the reference 8th read above, a show cause notice was issued to Smt.S.Devadarshini, Gazetted Librarian (Retd) as to why the Penalty of 20% cut in Pension for period of five (5) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 should not be imposed on her. Her reply dated. 22.8.2012 was forwarded by the Director Public Library, AP, Hyderabad in the reference 9th read above. She has estimated the loss on account of purchases from the donation by GAIL and subject of charge (6) at Rs.23,704/-. She estimates the loss on account of loss of books covered in charge (7), of nil, as these losses would be written off by the Director, Public Library. Thus, according to her estimate, the total loss to Government stands at Rs.23,704. The total effect of the proposed cut in pension comes as to Rs.1,89,300/-. Thus, according to her, the penalty is disproportionately higher compared to the loss.

6. Govt., have examined the matter. It is clarified that the Government are not recovering any of the losses on account of her negligence. The pension cut was proposed as a punishment and a necessary deterrent against negligence of duty. Accordingly, it has been provisionally decided to impose a punishment of Penalty of 20% cut in Pension for period of five (5) years on Smt.S.Devadarshini, Gazetted Librarian (Retd) under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. In the reference 10th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been requested to place the matter before the Commission, obtain and communicate the concurrence of the Commission to the above said punishment.

8. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission vide her letter 11th read above has stated that the commission agree with the proposal of the Government, to impose a punishment of 20% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years on Smt S.Devadarshini, Gazetted Librarian (Retd) as proposed by the Government and advise accordingly.

9. After due consultations and careful examination of the matter, Government decided and hereby imposed penalty of 20% cut in the Pension for a period of five (5) years against Smt.S.Devadarshini, Gazetted Librarian (Retd) formerly working at Gowthami Regional Library, Rajahmundry under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. PRASANTA MAHAPATRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.(PE)

To

Smt. S.Devadarshini, Gazetted Librarian (retd) formerly working at Gowthami Regional Library, Rajahmundry Thro the DPL., AP., Hyd.

The Director of Public Libraries, AP., Hyderabad

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP., Hyderabad.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
The A.P. Vigilance Commission.

The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.

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